

# Rare Plants of Louisiana



## *Sida elliottii* - Elliott's sida Mallow Family (Malvaceae)

**Rarity Rank:** SH/G4G5 (Historical in Louisiana)

	1	2	3	4	5
State					
Global					
	imperiled		rare		secure

**Range:** IL and MO, south to TX and east to FL and VA



Photo by Alvin Diamond, Troy State University

### **Recognition:**

- A branching perennial 0.3 to 0.5 (to 1) m in height but often leaning and sometime prostrate
- Leaf blades narrowly elliptic or linear, considerable longer than broad, 2 to 7 cm long, with serrated margins
- Petals yellow
- Calyx-lobes triangular in shape

**Flowering Time:** July to October

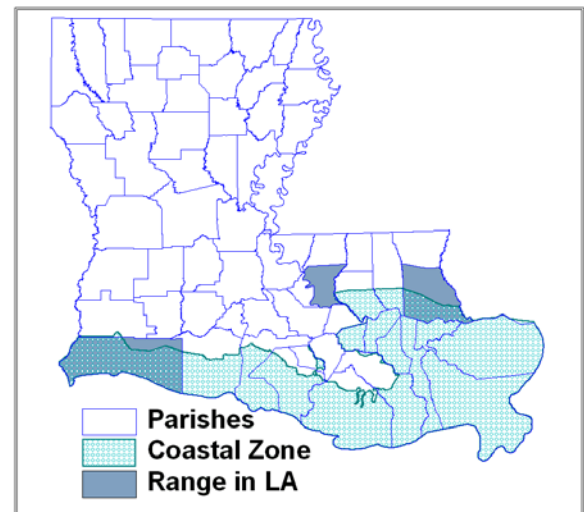
**Light Requirement:** Full sun to part shade

### **Wetland Indicator Status:**

Does not occur in wetlands anywhere in range

### **Habitat:**

Historical collections from Louisiana are from saline prairie and Gulf beach habitats. The most recent specimen was collected in August 1938 near Plains, East Baton Rouge Parish, in an area that historically supported saline prairies. Also collected near the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in Cameron Parish from “sands along beach” and in St. Tammany Parish near Mandeville. In other southern states it occurs on sandy prairies and on limestone soils, to include disturbed areas such as roadsides and ruderal ground.

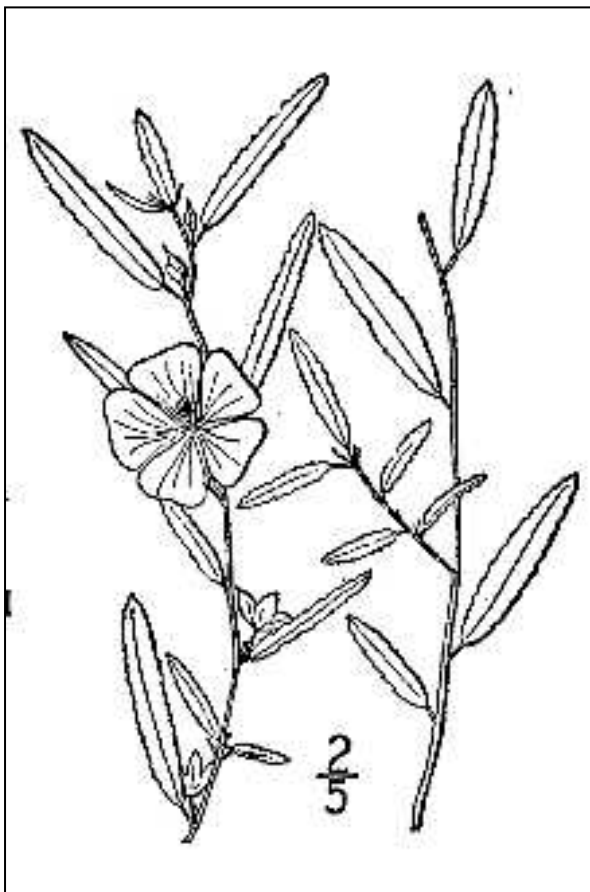


**Threats:** Unknown

### **Beneficial Management Practices:**

Field survey work to rediscover this species in Louisiana – it may perhaps be overlooked or collected and misidentified – survey work should include reviewing herbarium specimens of other *Sida* spp. to detect possible misidentified *S. elliottii*

## LA River Basins: Mississippi, Pontchartrain



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